

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2025

<u>SUBJECT</u>: PacificSource Health Related Social Needs Capacity Building Grant Application

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of the Adult Parole and Probation Division's application for a Health-Related Social Needs Capacity Building Grant from the Oregon Health Authority.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is working to eliminate health inequities by 2030, with a focus on Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN). As part of this initiative, Oregon Health Plan (OHP) funding can now be used to support climate, housing, and nutrition-related services. To expand provider capacity to deliver these services, OHA has released a grant through local Community Care Organizations (CCOs). PacificSource is managing the grant process for Deschutes County.

Adult Parole & Probation (AP&P) is seeking funding to build internal capacity to help clients on supervision—most of whom are OHP members or eligible—access HRSN housing supports. Stable housing is essential to public safety, client stabilization, and successful community integration. This funding would help us reduce housing barriers and improve client outcomes.

AP&P plans to use capacity-building funds to assess current processes, enhance partnerships, and develop sustainable systems for leveraging HRSN resources. This includes supporting existing FTE and contracting with a billing consultant to improve workflows, create billing policies, and strengthen reporting and grant management systems. Funds are also being sought to procure a billing system to support tracking and billing for housing services.

County staff will lead efforts to connect clients with housing providers, coordinate with landlords, and manage billing operations. The business manager will oversee grant administration and ensure compliance with billing and reporting requirements.

Staff seeks approval from the Board to submit a grant application as described.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Up to \$353,900.33 in grant funds during FY26 and FY27.

ATTENDANCE:

Trevor Stephens, Business Manager for Community Justice Nicoli Brower, Administrative Analyst Adult Parole and Probation